

# AFA Convention Corner '04

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## AFA's 30th Anniversary Convention, **August 4-7, 2004** San Francisco, California.



**AFA30**  
*Evolution of  
Aviculture*

Since 1974, the American Federation of Aviculture has been successfully promoting the advancement of aviculture. The AFA Conventions began as a key channel to educate its members and future members. Combining both fun and education, the AFA Conventions feature world-renowned speakers, the latest and newest bird products by diverse avian exhibitors, and networking opportunities. Thirty years later, the AFA Convention is still the major avian event for all who have an interest in birds.

Please use the "Early Bird" registration form located on the dust cover of this issue. While you are registering, please make your hotel reservations as well. You can receive the AFA discounted hotel rates if your reservation is made before July 9, 2004. Why wait? Call today!

**Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport**  
**1333 Bayshore Highway • Burlingame, CA 94010 • Ph: (800) 233-1234**

AFA Room Rates: Single / Double \$89.00 \_ Triple \$114.00 \_ Quadruple \$139.00

Reservations: Call 1-800-233-1234 for reservations. Be sure to mention the American Federation of Aviculture and Group Code: AFAV to ensure the discounted room rates.

Transportation: There is free shuttle service from the San Francisco Airport to the Hyatt. If you are driving, AFA has discounted parking rates of \$9 per day/per vehicle.

Please join us as AFA celebrates Thirty Years!  
A great line up is scheduled with many anniversary surprises! Don't miss out on:

Wednesday, August 4th: HOD Meeting, Exhibits, 30th Anniversary Bash.

Thursday, August 5th: General Sessions, Exhibits, Specialty Meetings.

Friday, August 6th: General Sessions, Exhibits, Specialty Meetings.

Saturday, August 7th: General Sessions, Exhibits, Reception, Silent Auction, & Banquet.

From the spectacular view of Golden Gate Bridge or a ride on the famed cable cars, San Francisco is a one-of-a-kind city. Plan some extra time to experience what this fabulous city on the bay has to offer:

• Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39 • Alcatraz • Ghirardelli Square • Chinatown • San Francisco Zoo • The Palace of Fine Arts • Golden Gate Bridge • Nearby Wineries • Museums • Golden Gate Park • Yerba Buena Gardens • World Class shopping at Union Square • And much, much more!

**For more Convention information, please contact the AFA P.O. Box 159, Rossville, TN 38066**

**Email: [ConventionCentral@idealbirds.com](mailto:ConventionCentral@idealbirds.com), or visit the AFA website: [www.afabirds.org](http://www.afabirds.org).**

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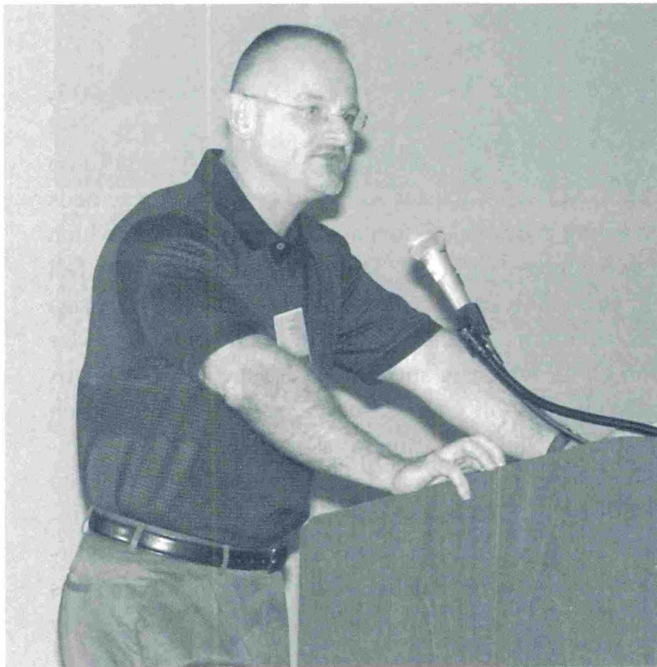




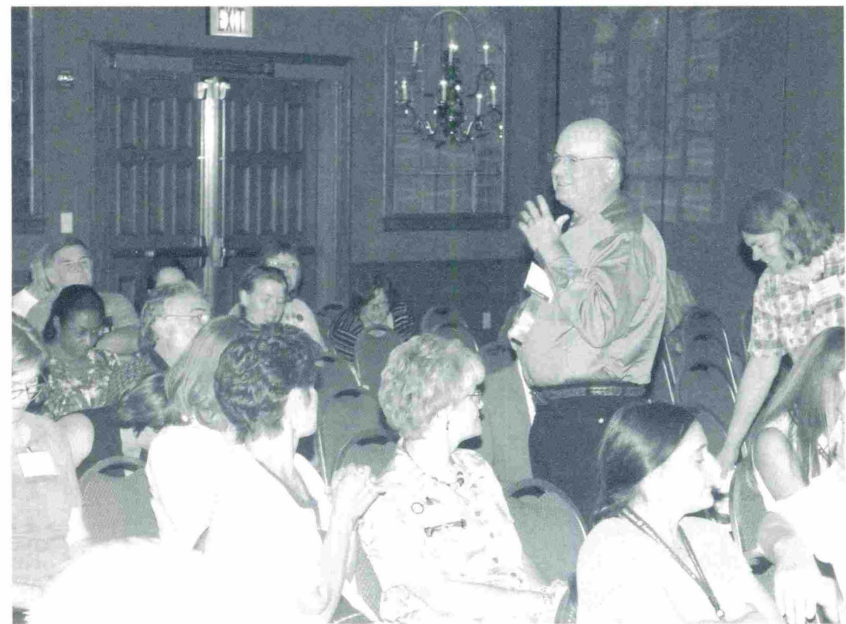
*President Benny Gallaway is trying to restore a little order.*



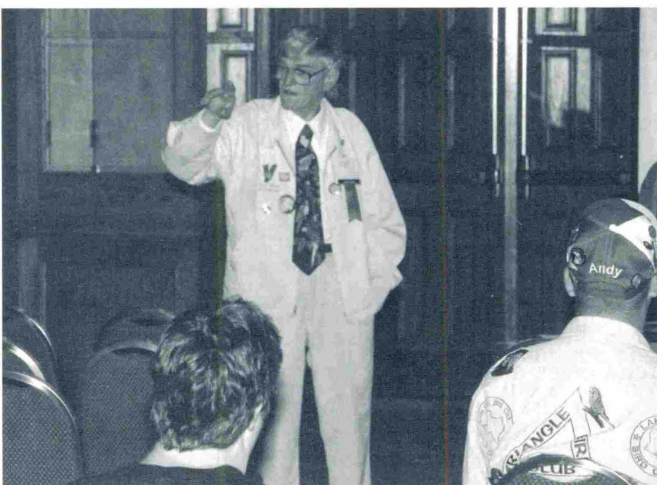
*Dr. Mark Stafford showed an extraordinary series of videos and powerpoint presentations of wild macaws in South America. Here he discusses his trips into the jungle habitats with Dr. Janice Boyd (far right) and another interested member.*



*Darrell Styles , MS, DVM addressed convention attendees about Biosecurity.*



*Dr. De Poyster, standing, was very knowledgeable about answering questions concerning the outbreaks of Exotic Newcastle Disease. He was part of the Task Force dispatched to southern California in the spring of 2003.*



*Dick Ivy answered questions from the crowd about the values of belonging to a local and national bird club/organization.*

# AFA Grand 2004 Drawing

This year, the American Federation of Aviculture is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and the team putting together the Super Drawing, Silent Auction, and raffles has been working overtime to bring some very special and unique items to this convention. We decided to give our members an "early bird" peek at some of the items that have been generously donated this year:

The Super Drawing items for 2004 are some of the best we have seen in recent memory:

**Prize #1: Avian Library.** The first item is something different and appropriate for the theme, Evolution of Aviculture. What better way to celebrate the changes and growth we have seen as an avocation than by assembling some of the premier avian books written over the past 50 years:

- "The Encyclopedia of Lories and Lorikeets" by Rosemary Low 1998, donated by Dick Schroeder of Cuttlebone Plus, [www.cuttleboneplus.com](http://www.cuttleboneplus.com).
  - "The Large Macaws" by Joanne Abramson, autographed by the author, and donated by Joanne Abramson of Raintree Publications, [www.raintreepublications.com](http://www.raintreepublications.com).
  - "Genus Amazona" by John Stoodley 1990, autographed by the author, donated by Kelly Tucker of [www.vktucker.com](http://www.vktucker.com).
  - "Pionus Parrots" by John Stoodley 1983, donated by Nancy Speed.
  - "Australian Parrots" by Forshaw 1988, donated by Wanda Elder.
  - "Parrots in Aviculture" by Rosemary Low 1992, donated by Wanda Elder.
  - "Parrots, Macaws, and Cockatoos – The Art of Elizabeth Butterworth" by Elizabeth Butterworth 1988.
  - "Parrots of South America" by Rosemary Low 1972.
  - "Parrots and Parrot-Like Birds – Diseases of Birds" by the Duke of Bedford and David Coffin, 1954
  - "Foreign Bird Keeping" by Edward Boosey.
  - "Parrot Production Incorporating Incubation" by John and Pat Stoodley, 1983.
  - "Parrots, Cockatoos, and Macaws" by Edward Boosey, 1956.
  - "The Living Air" by Jean Delacour, 1966.
- More books are on their way, so watch the website and the next Watchbird for more additions!

**Prize #2: Fresh Air Purifier** – Alpine Air Purification Systems' "Fresh Air" is the top of their line. These "Living Air"<sup>™</sup> purifiers use unique proprietary radio

wave-like ionization along with activated oxygen to purify the air, and is designed for an entire house up to 3,000 square feet. For more information, go to [www.freshairliving.com/welder](http://www.freshairliving.com/welder) and enter the password GUEST. This item is donated by I Deal Purification Systems with an approximate value of \$700.

**Prize #3: A \$500 Gift Certificate toward Gamini Ratnavira Artwork** – Gamini Ratnavira, a world renowned tropical wildlife artist, has donated a \$500 gift certificate to be used towards any original or lithograph print. You can commission your bird to be painted in its natural environment as well. To see Gamini's work, please see the example above or go to his website at [www.gaminiratnavira.com](http://www.gaminiratnavira.com) or contact Lisa or Gamini Ratnavira at 760-723-9256 or [lisa@tfb.com](mailto:lisa@tfb.com).

**Prize #4: One Week in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico** – Seven nights, from Monday, December 6, 2004 to Monday, December 13, 2004 at a gorgeous resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico – master suite has two queen size beds and the living room has a queen size pull out couch which sleeps two, sleeps 6 in total. Unit has private balcony, full kitchen, two baths, and master bath has Jacuzzi. This prize includes accommodations-only at the Hacienda Del Mar Vacation Club, which is surrounded by the Jack Nicklaus Signature Ocean Golf Course known as the "Pebble Beach of Baja at Cabo del Sol." Amenities include infinity swimming pools with waterfalls and countless fountains, private beaches, European-style spa and fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment and personal trainers. For more information, go to [www.haciendadelmar.com.mx](http://www.haciendadelmar.com.mx). This fabulous trip, with an approximate value of \$6,500, is donated by Dave and Terri Jones of [www.flockstockandbarrel.com](http://www.flockstockandbarrel.com).

**Prize #5: Rainforest Expeditions Land Trip to Peru** – Noted ecotourism organization, Rainforest Expeditions has donated a land trip for (2), six days and five nights, to Peru. This trip, excluding airfare, includes all hotel and lodge accommodations based on double occupancy, all scheduled land and river transportation, all transfers, all scheduled excursions with English-speaking guide services, and meals as specified in the itinerary at [www.perunature.com](http://www.perunature.com). You will see the world's largest clay lick, visit the canopy tower and oxbow lake at Posada Amazonas, hike to a macaw-nesting colony at Tambopata Research Center, and explore its trail system at leisure with expert naturalist guides. Rainforest Expeditions is a Peruvian ecotourism company founded in 1992 that owns



two ecolodges in the Tambopata Nature Reserve in the southeastern Amazonian Peru. Contact them at 877-905-3782. The approximate value of this prize is \$1,500.

**Prize #6: Avey Brooder** – Avey Incubator has donated their best brooder, a 32” wide, featuring digital control of temperature and humidity. Now, set the humidity precisely as you set the temperature. Also, high and low temperature alarms, clear acrylic doors with security locks, and air filter. This \$868 retail value includes Ground shipment to the winner. More brooders and options are available at [www.aveyinc.com](http://www.aveyinc.com), 1-877-AVEYINC, or 1-877-283-9462.



#6 - Avey Brooder

**Prize #7: Innovative Inclosures \$1,000 Gift Certificate** – Innovative Inclosures of Fallbrook, California has donated a \$1,000 gift certificate towards one of their extraordinary custom cages or accessories. There are custom sizes, colors, and designs available, with internal or external double door vestibules. For more information on these terrific cages and accessories, go to [www.innovativeinclosures.com](http://www.innovativeinclosures.com) or call 760-728-6838.

**Prize #8: Silver and Diamond Earrings** – Long’s Jewelers has donated a lovely pair of Scott Kay designed sterling silver and diamond pierced earrings worth \$1,100. Long’s Jewelers, established in 1870, has the finest selection of quality Diamonds, Gems, Timepieces, and Gifts available. For more information, go to [www.longsjewelers.com](http://www.longsjewelers.com) or call 877-845-6647.

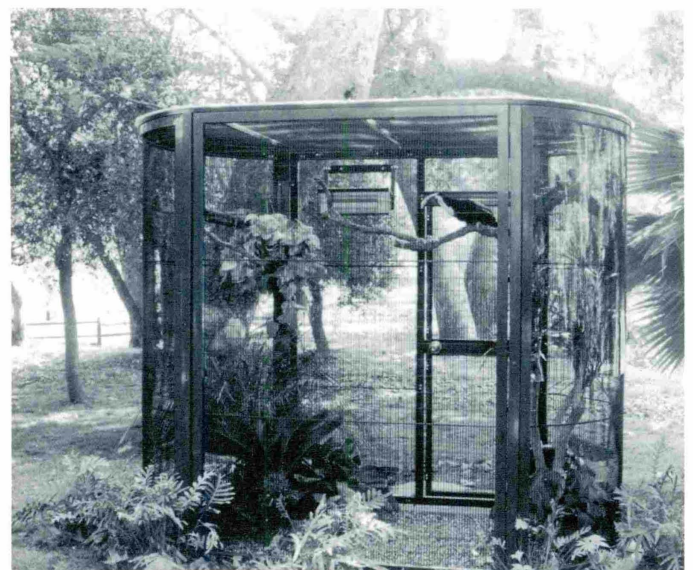
Tickets for the Super Drawing prizes are available on the dust jacket of the “Watchbird,” from the AFA office, the AFA website at [www.AFAbirds.org](http://www.AFAbirds.org), and at the AFA Convention in San Francisco in August 2004.

Debbie Treanor has been collecting distinctive items for the Silent Auction – prints, stamps, antique postcards, and more. In addition, John and Carol Brasaemle have once again donated a beautiful painting entitled “Major Mitchell’s: Crests Up”, matted and framed. You can view

this wonderful work at <http://home.comcast.net/~avianart>. Beth Greenberg is donating one of her inimitable painted ostrich eggs. Based upon last year’s creation, this item will undoubtedly engender some exciting bidding. Ideal Birds has donated 6 mm white pearl earrings, a tanzanite/diamond ring, a diamond ring, white sapphire earrings, and a set of diamond earrings and matching pendant, for all you fans of the sparkly things!

The raffle table will be special this year as well. In keeping with our theme of the Evolution of Aviculture, there will be numerous books available from 1898s “Feathered Pets” through the most current offerings. Rosemary Low has graciously donated a “basket” of autographed copies of her current books. Jorge Panama Miller has donated two parrot molas, which are piecework and embroidered creations by the Kuna Indians of Panama. For more information, go to <http://molastore.com/molasbirds.html>. The Peddlars Junction has donated a Tiffany-style stained glass parrot lamp sculpture. For more information, go to <http://stores.ebay.com/thepeddlarsjunction>. Other items include a small Herend fishnet porcelain parrot, a Swarovski silk scarf, alpaca apparel, toys, jewelry, and many other items.

If you would like to donate an item to our raffles or Silent Auction, please contact Brenda Piper at [pipersparrots@comcast.net](mailto:pipersparrots@comcast.net) or 978-777-4567. We are especially looking for airline tickets to go with our two trips to Peru and Mexico, so if you have lots of extra Frequent Flyer miles, consider donating a ticket to AFA. And remember to patronize the kind and generous folks who have given the American Federation of Aviculture so many terrific fundraising items. Please help make our 30th anniversary convention our most successful ever! ❖



#7 - Innovative Inclosures